

**Board of Respiratory Care  
Task Force Meeting  
Minutes**

**Date:** August 27, 2009

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. C.S.T.

**Location:** Health Related Boards  
Iris Conference Room  
227 French Landing Drive  
Heritage Place, Metro Center  
Nashville, TN 37243

**Members Present:** Candace Partee, RRT, RC Board Member  
Roger Major, RRT, RC Board Member  
Colleen Schabacker, RRT, RC Board Member  
Keith Lovelady, M.D., Medical Examiners Board Member

**Staff Present:** Marva Swann, Board Director  
Mary Webb, Board Administrator  
Shiva Bozarth, Office of General Counsel  
Libby Miller, HRB Director  
Rosemarie Otto, Director, Director, Board of Medical Examiners

**Guests:** John Williams, Tennessee Society of Respiratory Care

**Purpose**

Third Pathway to Endorsement as a Polysomnographic Technologist

Pursuant to 63-31-107 (a)(5) of the Polysomnography Act, respiratory therapists who provide polysomnography services shall be credentialed as registered polysomnographic technologist by the board of polysomnographic technologists, or as a sleep disorders specialist by the national board of respiratory care, or undergone a standardized, uniform mechanism to document competency in polysomnography as approved by the Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care with documentation of passage of this mechanism made available at the request of the Board of Respiratory Care. The Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care shall consult with the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners in the development of this mechanism.

The Committee discussed various ways to allow respiratory care therapists to work in sleep labs.

1. Grandfathering RC's who currently work in sleep labs was one method discussed. Ms. Otto will provide information regarding guidelines that were used for grandfathering genetic counselors. Mr. Bozarth will research ways that other States use in regard to grandfathering.

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2. Development of a training pathway to show a certain level of competency in lieu of taking an examination.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

**These minutes were ratified at the November 17, 2009 meeting.**